

Contact: Matt Lloyd

**PENCE MOURNS PASSING OF GOVERNOR O'BANNON**

**Washington, Sep 13, 2003** - WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement today regarding the passing of Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon:

"I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Governor Frank OBannon.

Like many Hoosiers, Governor OBannon was not only my Governor, he was my friend and his loss will be deeply felt.

We must first 'grieve with those who grieve' and our prayers are with First Lady Judy OBannon, their children, and grandchildren as they mourn the passing of this good man. We must also pray for our Acting Governor Joe Kernan and his wife Maggie as they assume the new duties that this sad occasion impresses upon them.

Governor Frank OBannon was a man of integrity, humility and exuded a kindness not often found in men who achieve his level of success and prominence. He led Indiana with an integrity and decency that will remain a standard for Governors of this state for years to come. The Pence family grieves his loss. His passing is a great loss to his family and to the people of Indiana."

###